MICHIGAN HISTORICAL MARKER

MASONIC TEMPLE

EAST LANSING



Local Masons organized in 1915 and hired Lansing architect Samuel D. Butterworth to design a meeting hall. Butterworth blended simple Neoclassical detailing with elements of the popular Commercial style. Upon its completion in 1916, the Masonic Temple was one of only a few buildings in "downtown" East Lansing. The Masons sold the hall in 1986 and the interior was subsequently demolished. The Masonic Temple remains one of the city's important landmarks and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Masonic Temple remained vacant for a decade. Taking advantage of the federal historic preservation tax credits, in 1998 the Chappelle Development Company purchased and rehabilitated the building as office and residential space.

Location: 314 M.A.C. Avenue

Applicant/Sponsor: Chappelle Development Company

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